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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAN SALVADOR 1770

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SHUM PINT PINS ES
SUBJ: PRESS REPORTS GUSTAVO CARTAGENA RELEASED BY KIDNAPPERS

REF: SAN SALVADOR 1676

1. PRESS APRIL 13 REPORTED THAT ENGINEER GUSTAVO CARTAGENA, INFLUENTIAL PRESIDENT OF ARCO (AN ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING FIRM), WHO WAS KIDNAPPED FROM HIS OFFICE ON APRIL 6 WAS RELEASED UNHARMED EVENING APRIL 12. FAMILY HAS REFUSED TO GIVE ANY DETAILS CONCERNING RELEASE, CONFINING STATEMENTS TO FACT THAT HE IS NOW HOME WITH HIS FAMILY. PRESS ACCOUNT INDICATES THAT HE HAD BEEN RELEASED ON PAYMENT OF RANSOM NEGOTIATED BY FAMILY AND BUSINESS ASSOCIATES.

2. COMMENT. TWO LITTLE KNOWN AND POSSIBLY COVER GROUPS, FRAP AND ORT, HAD PUBLICLY CLAIMED CREDIT FOR KIDNAPPING EARLIER THIS WEEK. HOWEVER, CARTAGENA HAD BEEN KNOWN TO BE HAVING BOTH LABOR
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AND BUSINESS CONFRONTATIONS AND MOST PEOPLE FEEL THAT FRAP/ORT REPORT PROBABLY UNTRUE. ARCO AND CARTAGENA HAD BEEN ENGAGED IN LEGAL BATTLE FOR SOME TIME WITH MAYA CEMENT COMPANY (ONE OF WHOSE MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS IS EX-PRESIDENT MOLINA) AND PUBLIC AND SOME GOES SOURCES FEEL THIS MAY HAVE BEEN REAL REASON FOR KIDNAPPING. SECURITY FORCES STATE THEY ARE CONTINUING THEIR INVESTIGATIONS.

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